

Interview Questions

The following interview questions will be used to collect data during Task 1: Summary of Stormwater Regulations and Programs. Telephone interviews will be conducted with selected agencies, utilities, businesses, and stakeholders, which represent a wide range of Washington geographies and political/organizational structures. A preliminary list of potential interviewees follows the draft interview questions.

Please answer as many of the questions below that are applicable to your agency/organization.

Background Information:

What entity are you representing in your responses to this interview?

What are your goals, objectives, and mission relative to stormwater?

What is your interest in and relationship to stormwater management programs? With which of the federal/state/local stormwater management activities (see Table B-1) are you currently required to comply?

For what activities are you responsible for implementation and/or enforcement? What are the responsible organizations?

Under what activities are you responsible for compliance and/or enforcement? What are the responsible organizations?

What research and monitoring are you doing or planning to do to establish compliance and program effectiveness?

For what activities are you currently in the process of developing or implementing programs? What are the responsible organizations?

With which regulations will you be required to comply in the future?

Which activities are priorities for your agency/organization in the near term (next year)? Over the next 3 years?

What are the major components of these programs?

What are the actual and projected costs of these programs (including capital, operations and maintenance [O&M], inspection, monitoring, and educational program costs)? Include staffing and expenses.

How are you funding or planning to fund the actual and projected costs of these programs?

Do any regulations/programs/activities raise major concerns for your agency/organization? If so, what and why?

Do you consider your and other stormwater programs effective? Why or why not?

Stormwater Management Activity Relationships

What interrelationships/dependencies have you experienced among these regulations (refer to matrix)?

What interrelationships/dependencies and partnerships have you found among the various programs and organizational institutions that affect your program?

Are there any gaps (e.g., resources, policy) or barriers to your success in implementing these program and regulatory activities?

Can you identify any streamlining/efficiencies that could be gained in your stormwater management programs and in the regulations that are driving them? What are the barriers to realizing these efficiencies?

Forums to Address Stormwater Management Issues

Is your agency/organization a participant in any of the forums listed below to frame/develop proposals, or respond/fund/approve proposals for funding? Are there other forums in which you participate?

- Stormwater Advisory Committee
- Tri-County 4(d) Rule Negotiation
- Stormwater Technical Manual Advisory Committee
- Eastside Stormwater Managers
- APWA Stormwater Management Committee
- WDFW HCP Advisory Group
- Gang of 7 NPDES Phase 1
- HLP Environmental Issues Committee
- Legislative Committees (Ag & Ecology, Transportation Commission, Natural Resource Commission)
- Tribal, City, County Councils
- Congressional Delegation
- Federal Agencies (NMFS, USFWS, EPA, COE)

List of Potential Interviewees:

1. Stormwater Policy Advisory Committee
2. Ecology
3. WDFW
4. CTED
5. WSDOT
6. Salmon Recovery Office
7. Selected Legislative Representatives (Criteria for selection/names?)
8. EPA
9. NMFS
10. USFWS
11. FHWA
12. Army Corps of Engineers
13. APWA
14. AGC
15. Farm Bureau
16. AWB
17. Master Builders
18. Washington Association of Counties
19. Washington Association of Cities
20. Washington Business Roundtable
21. Selected County Governments (Criteria for selection/names?)
22. Selected City Governments (Criteria for selection/names?)
23. Audubon Society
24. People for Puget Sound
25. CRAB
26. Tribes
27. Water & Sewer Districts
28. Puget Sound Action

Table B-1
Assessing Stormwater Management Activity Relationships

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